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(*b*) the designation, service and pay of the affected employees with reasons for each such order ;

(*c*) in how many cases the parties affected by the orders of Mr. Gilbert have appealed to Government ; and

(ii) to state whether almost all the orders of the present Superintendent were upheld by the Government ; if so, their respective reasons in each case ?

A.—(i) (*a*), (*b*), (*c*) & (ii) The Government do not consider that the labour involved in collecting the figures asked for would be justified.

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" In reply to clauses (*a*) and (*b*) it is stated that 'the Government do not consider that the labour involved in collecting the figures asked for would be justified.' Sir, what Government is this ? Is it the Government of His Majesty the King-Emperor ? "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The hon. Member will kindly resume his seat."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" May I enquire whether a statement of these dismissals is not kept at all in the office, for there must be several dismissals, and if such a statement is kept in the office whether it would be placed on the table of this House ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I have given the reason in my answer."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" Bearing on this question, a resolution was passed in this House, and the Government's reply was 'we do not accept.' Here we ask questions and even pass resolution. But what is the good of it all ? I asked a number of supplementary questions and the Government do not consider. I should like to know from the hon. the Home Member whether this Government is British Government or the Government of Dost Muhammad or Chengiz Khan or Mubarack ? "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The question does not arise out of this."

Mr. P. BHAKTAVATSULU NAYUDU :—" In the answer it is stated, 'the labour involved will not be justified.' Why is any new labour necessary ? Are not the statistics already in the office ? "

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know from the hon. the Home Member, in view of the fact that there is so much complaint, whether he does not consider the collection of facts necessary and whether he has declined to collect these figures, because it is inconvenient, either for Mr. Gilbert, the Superintendent, or for the Government ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" Mr. Gilbert is no longer the Superintendent of the Government Press."

Alleged disregard of medical certificates for leave produced by P. Muniswami and Rangaswami, machine-minders in the Government Press.

* 759-D *Q.*—Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the medical certificates produced by one P. Muniswami and one K. P. Rangaswami, machine-minders, Government Press, Mint

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Buildings, from the Rayapuram Hospital were disregarded by the Superintendent, and whether the periods covered by the certificates were treated as absence without leave; and

(b) if so, why?

A.—The Government have no information. The discretion to refuse leave is reserved by rule to the Superintendent, Government Press.

Dr. B. S. Mallayya :—"There again, Sir, in regard to leave, I should like to know what made the Government give him that absolute discretion for granting leave?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—"Under the existing rules, heads of departments have got the discretion."

Dr. B. S. Mallayya :—"In the discharge of such discretion, if calamities occur, who is responsible? Is it the Superintendent or the Government?"

Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar :—"May I know, Sir, whether the Government have no power at all if the discretion is misused or proved to be misused?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—"If specific instances are brought to my notice, I am prepared to look into them."

Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar :—"Does not the hon. the Home Member consider that these are two specific cases brought to the notice of Government? Two men produced medical certificates from certain hospitals and yet leave was not granted. Does the hon. Member think that these two cases are not sufficient? Will the Government at least now, after so many complaints and after specific instances, take the trouble of inquiring into the matter?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—"There is no necessity for an enquiry. It is in the discretion of the Superintendent to accept the medical certificate or not."

Police

Proposed creation of posts in the Imperial Cadre in the Police department.

*760-A Q.—Sriman Biswanath Das Mahasayo: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the scheme of Mr. Cunningham for the re-organization of the City Police provides for the creation of any Imperial Officers' posts either permanently or temporarily;

(b) if so, whether the Government have obtained the sanction of the Secretary of State for the creation of any such Imperial Officers' posts;

(c) whether it is a fact that even for creating temporary posts of an Imperial cadre with the intention of ultimately making the same permanent the Secretary of State has ruled that his sanction is necessary; and

(d) whether the Secretary of State has ruled that every new post created in the Imperial cadre should be listed for the Provincial Police?